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TSUYOSHI MATSUMURA ET AL.) **Notice of Allowance Dated: 8/25/05**
Application No.: 10/693,504) Group Art Unit: 2826
Filed: October 27, 2003) Examiner: T. Tran
For: INSULATING TUBE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR INITIALED FORM PTO/SB/08

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on August 16, 2005. In reviewing our file, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO/SB/08, and the postcard that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, are attached.

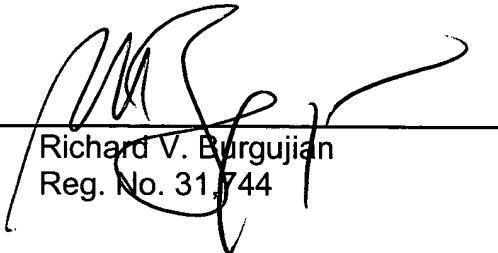
The Examiner is respectfully requested either to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the references were considered by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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1. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR Section 1.97(c) (2 pages)
2. Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page)
3. Copies of documents listed on SB/08

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of a Notice for Grounds for Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

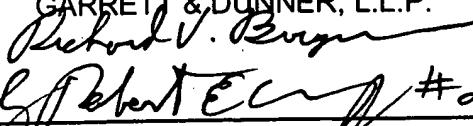
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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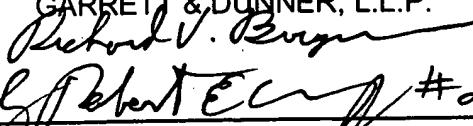
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